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Examiner: Caridad Everhart

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Mineo MIURA

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For: PRODUCTION METHOD FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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May 21, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1), i.e., after the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final Action or Notice of Allowance.

Attached are copies of four Japanese patent documents, which were first cited on April 22, 2008, in the attached foreign Office Action, issued in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application number 2004-002259. Also attached are English-language translations and/or Abstracts of the documents, from which any relevance of the documents can be gleaned. The documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that the Japanese patent document No. 2001-068428, which was also cited in the aforementioned foreign Office Action, is not being submitted with this IDS, since it was already previously submitted, together with its English-language translation and abstract, with the IDS filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 30, 2006, with the filing of this application.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with certification and before the mailing date of a final action or Notice of Allowance, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all documents listed. Consideration of the listed documents respectfully is requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,

May 21, 2008  
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